



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CLOSED-CAPTIONING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) As used in this  
2       section:

3       (1) "Closed-captioning services" means services that are (A)  
4       designed for persons with hearing disabilities that provide a live or  
5       prerecorded visual presentation of the sound associated with a  
6       television program, and (B) not visible except on a television receiver  
7       designed to display such services or by use of an installed decoder.

8       (2) "Broadcast news program" means any news program produced  
9       and broadcasted in this state, including, but not limited to, any sports,  
10      weather, emergency, legislative, educational, governmental or health  
11      program.

12      (b) On or before January 1, 2006, all television stations located in this  
13      state shall provide closed-captioning services for all broadcast news  
14      programs.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

***GL***      *Joint Favorable*